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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, LABATT CHECKED WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE ISRAEL CENTER FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS, THE SOLE ONGOING PROJECT RETAINING LINKS WITH THE ILO/UNDP PROGRAM. AS DEPARTMENT IS PROBABLY AWARE (SEE REFTEL B), GOI TERMINATED UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM AS OF THE END OF 1976 AND HAS CLOSED THE JERUSALEM UNDP OFFICE. THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY UNDP OR ILO PERSONNEL IN ISRAEL. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF AVAILABILITY OF SOME RESIDUAL FUNDS FROM THE ILO/UNDP MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM LINKED TO THE ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF PRODUCTIVITY, THE FORMER PROJECT MANAGER, CURTIS FRITZ, WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS POST IN 1972 BY ILO, WILL RETURN IN 1977 TO CONDUCT SPECIAL TECHNICAL TRAINING SEMINARS.

2. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ISRAEL CENTER FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS' PROJECT WAS TO TRAIN COMPUTER PROGRAM TECHNICIANS AND MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL IN BOTH THE PUBLIC  
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AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THE USE OF COMPUTERS FOR MORE EFFICIENT BUSINESS PLANNING AND RECORD KEEPING. THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED IN 1972 AND RECEIVED A TOTAL UNDP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF ABOUT 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND EQUIPMENT, WITH UNDP FUNDS BEING MATCHED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, WHICH BORE IN ADDITION OFFICE SPACE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR THE PROGRAMS.

THE INSTITUTE AS OF THE END OF 1976 HAD TRAINED 7,663 PERSONS IN 170 COURSES OF VARYING LENGTH. IN ADDITION, IT ALSO TRAINED A NUMBER OF FOREIGN TECHNICIANS, MANAGERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA BOTH IN ISRAEL AND THROUGH SEMINARS WHICH ITS TEACHING STAFF CONDUCTED ABROAD, PARTICULARLY IN LATIN AMERICA. THE INSTITUTE APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE BUSINESS, AND THE HISTADRUT.

3. IN ADDITION TO TRAINING, THE INSTITUTE OF PRODUCTIVITY PROVIDES TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR BOTH THE PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL SECTORS BY INTRODUCING OR IMPROVING DATA PROCESSING, PLANNING AND RECORD KEEPING SYSTEMS. IT IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A PROJECT TO COMPUTERIZE HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC DATA FOR THE HISTADRUT HEALTH INSURANCE FUND, KUPAT HOLIM, TO GIVE HEALTH CLINICS AND HOSPITALS ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL RECORDS OF ALL MEMBERS WITHIN THE REGIONS WHICH THEY SERVE. TAX, INCOME AND BANK RECORDS ARE ALSO BEING PROCESSED FOR CENTRAL DATA BANKS FOR THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO PROVIDE MORE READILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON INCOME AND MONEY FLOW, AND TO MAKE THE TAX COLLECTION SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENT.

4. ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT MANAGER, ARIEH H. RONEL, WHO TOOK OVER FROM MR. FRITZ, THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS FACING THE PROJECT ARE: BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS; THE AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENTLY HIGH CALIBER EXPERTS AND PLANNERS FROM ISRAEL AND ABROAD TO CONDUCT SEMINARS WHICH, IN TURN, WILL

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ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF TOP LEVEL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT MANAGERS; RESTRICTIONS ON SALARY LEVELS WHICH THE INSTITUTE CAN PAY ITS INSTRUCTORS AND TECHNICIANS, SINCE IT MUST OPERATE UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE SALARY SYSTEM; AND THE PREPARATION OF TRAINING MATERIAL IN HEBREW IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED SIZE OF THE MARKET FOR SUCH MATERIAL.

5. OTHER ILO/UNDP PROJECTS ALREADY TERMINATED INCLUDED ASSISTANCE TO A SMALL INDUSTRY ADVISORY SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING AND POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMS, AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM, AND REGIONAL PLACEMENT AND MIGRANT LABOR FORCE PROGRAMS. ALL THESE LATTER PROJECTS CONSISTED OF EITHER TRAINING SEMINARS CONDUCTED BY ILO EXPERTS UNDER THE UN EXPANDED PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (EPTA) OR THE GRANTING OF TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS FOR SENDING ISRAELI TECHNICIANS ABROAD. THEY INVOLVED FOR THE MOST PART EXPENDITURES OF ONLY A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE EMBASSY HAS NO INDEPENDENT

JUDGMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE PROGRAMS.

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